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## Two USAID-Funded Projects Marked in Sukkur

**Sukkur, March 8, 2007:** Two projects supported by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) – one in maternal and newborn health, the other in effective local governance – were marked here today.

“We will continue to work together to improve the lives and futures of the women and children of Sukkur,” USAID Pakistan Mission Director Jonathan Addleton said.

Speaking at a social mobilization function titled “A Tribute to Mothers” organized by the USAID-funded health project, Pakistan Initiative for Mothers and Newborns (PAIMAN) at Taluka Hospital Rohri, Addleton praised those who volunteer with PAIMAN, calling their work “a most precious and noble undertaking.”

The purpose of the event, which included a stage performance and the planting of a tree, was to generate public and official support for providing 24-hour emergency obstetric and newborn care through Sukkur’s health facilities.

In the afternoon, Mr. Addleton awarded certificates to district officials who had completed a three-day training program on the “New Accounting Model,” the first activity organized by a new three-year USAID project, “Districts That Work.”

“The overarching objectives of this project are to help district and tehsil governments to improve service delivery through better financial management, enhance the capacities of elected representatives and civil society organizations at the local level to plan and implement development projects in consultation with district administration,” said Mr. Addleton.

The project is working to increase the effectiveness of local government in six districts, including Sukkur, in all four provinces of Pakistan.

Support for these projects comes from the \$1.5 billion in development assistance that the United States is providing to Pakistan over five years to improve education, health, governance, and economic growth.

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